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Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your signature of the Declaration presented to His Holiness the Pope. In the outcome we received 81 signatures, 42 from Europe and Asia -- where resident prizewinners were approached by Dr. P. B. Medawar of the National Institute for Medical Research in England -- and 39 from North America, Australia and Argentina.

This represents an almost united response -- particularly when it is remembered that time did not allow us to approach every prizewinner, and not all who would have liked to have signed were, in fact, able to do so.

The Declaration was submitted to the Vatican through the Apostolic Delegate in London, His Excellency Archbishop Cardinale. The letter accompanying the Declaration emphasized that its purpose was only to give the Pope first-hand evidence of the seriousness and sense of concern with which learned men all over the world look upon the consequences of an unregulated growth of population.

The whole matter has been kept private.

Sincerely yours,



E. L. Tatum

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